### Students Heading to Graduate School in 2016/2017

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<td>Michelle Grushko</td>
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<td>London School of Economics, UK</td>
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<td>University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) in 2017</td>
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<td>Kelsie Currie</td>
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### Students' Photos

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Christopher D’Elia interned at the Peace Corps.

Danielle Doud interned at the Human Rights Campaign

Claudio Graziano interned at the Chwat Group

Stephen Lang interned at The Federal Practice Group.

Nicholas Simonelli interned at Hammond & Associates Lobbying Firm

Sydney Underhill interned at NARAL Pro-Choice America

Alyssa Maurice interned at McGraw Hill Financial

Payal Patel interned at Seraphim Global

Irma Pinos interned at Inter-American Defense Board

Adrianna Pirone interned at Public Allies.

Dianna Scarpa interned at Freedom House.
The department continues to offer exciting courses and programs in International Affairs to engage students in global leadership. Dr. Ken Mitchell escorted 12 students from his Argentine Politics class to Argentina over the summer break. In Buenos Aires, students studied Argentina’s public health system and participated in a seminar at the US Embassy.
Monmouth University's Model UN/Global Service Project Club participated for a week in New York City at the National Model United Nations Conference. The team of fifteen Monmouth University students won an honorable mention as the delegation of New Zealand for their ability to collaborate and collectively problem solve with students from around the world on an array of issues including environmental degradation, terrorism and cyberterrorism, gender equality and economic development.

Congratulations to the Monmouth Mock Trial Team for competing at the national playoffs in Decatur, Georgia at the Opening Round Championship Series Tournament hosted by Georgia Tech. This marks the first time in four years of the mock trial program, that MU has made it to a national level of competition!

After only three years with a moot court program, Monmouth University advanced the team of Joe Talafous and Nickolas Whitaker to the American Collegiate Moot Court Association (ACMCA) National Championship Tournament hosted by California State University at Long Beach.

Monmouth Debate Hawks won 9 team and individual awards at the Western National Debate Championship in Sacramento California. The Team also received awards at other debate tournaments across the region.

MU debaters mentor and coach the Asbury Park High School Debate Team and this year accompanied them to two tournaments, one at Harvard University and the other at Collaborative High School in the South Bronx. Both tournaments were sponsored by the New York Urban Debate League.

As part of Monmouth University's Scholarship Week, the department hosted an undergraduate political science research conference that included MU students and representatives from over a dozen colleges/universities from the tristate region. At the banquet, 14 MU students were inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science national honor society; and the Tom Crane Service Award was given to two graduate students who were recognized for their community service.
ALUMS: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Danielle Doud‘16
Pride and membership
Events Intern at
Human Rights
Campaign

Alexis Gratton‘16 SO
Health Initiatives
coordinator at
Turner Syndrome
Foundation

Laura Velardo‘16
Market Research
Assistant at
National Research, Inc.

Saliha Younas‘16
Program Coordinator at NYU
Stern School of Business

Sean Dries‘15
Morgan Stanley
in Washington, D.C.

Michael Kulik‘15
New Jersey State Trooper

Gabrielle Gunter‘14 PS/SO
United States Marshals
Service in Washington, D.C.

Amanda Kruzynski‘14 SO/SW
Youth Development
Facilitator at Peace Corps

Karly Tolentino‘14 SO
Program Analyst
at Project Support Services,
Mercyhurst University

Wyatt Sklar‘13
Legislative Project Specialist for
United States Senator Robert
Menendez

Steve Scaramo‘11
Legislative Assistant & Project
Specialist, Government Affairs
at Corporation for Public
Broadcasting

Lindsey Melody, Esq.‘10
Counsel, Federal Election
Commission
Washington, D.C.

Jacob Lawrence‘15
Legislative Director for NJ
Senator Jennifer Beck

Julio Luca‘15
Due Diligence Analyst at
Moran Stanley

Danielle Marziala‘15
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Students Heading to Law School in 2016

Victoria Esler’16, Rutgers School of Law-Newark
Salma Hammouda’16, Hofstra School of Law
William (Connor) Kimmel’16, Rutgers Newark Law School
Stephen Lang’16, Emory University School of Law
Justine Longa’16, Rutgers School of Law-Newark
Miriam Peguero Medrano’13, Northwestern University School of Law
Nicholas Whitakker’16, Rutgers School of Law-Newark
Danielle Zabihialam’15 PS/PSO, Pace University School of Law

Finished Law School and Working in the Law Field

Gregory Acquaviva, Esq.,’03, Vice President, State Government affairs for United Health Group in Newark.
Nicole Chiszar’14, Litigation Paralegal, Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas
Arielle Giordano, Esq.,’13, JD received ’15 from The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, Counsel at U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Ali Kliment, Esq.,’11, JD received ’14 from Villanova School of Law and is now an Associate at Morgan, Lewis & Brockius
Tamari Lagvilava, J.D.,’12, JD received ’15 George Washington University Law School
Brad Landau, J.D. ’13, JD received ’16 from Pace University Law School with a Certificate in Environmental Law
Jessica Lang, J.D.’11, JD received ’14 from New England School of Law and works in Legal Personnel & Global Mobility at Ropes & Gray, LLP
Lindsey Melody, Esq.,’10, JD Received ’13 from The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law and is now Counsel, Federal Election Committee in Transportation and Infrastructure
Olivia Mills, Esq.,’12, JD received ’15 from Rutgers School of Law and was sworn in as a member of the NJ Bar in 2015 by NJ Superior Court Judge Joseph W. Oxley who she served under as a clerk following her graduation.
Samantha Stillo, Esq.,’11, JD received ’14 from Villanova School of Law and now is an Associate Attorney at Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.
Dan Wisniewski, Esq.,’08, Assistant County Attorney at County of Stafford, Virginia
Liana Nobile, Esq.,’09, JD Received ’13 from Seton Hall University School of Law, now an associate at Keefe Bartels
Erik Yngstrom, Esq.,’07, Associate Attorney at Lomurro Law and Co-Chair of the Young Lawyers’ Committee of the Monmouth Bar Association.
Student Awards/Accomplishments

- **Gregory Acquaviva’03** was honored by his law school alma mater, Seton Hall, at the 2015 “Many Are One” Alumni Awards Gala for his accomplishments in the field of law. He is President of Seton Hall Alumni Council and a member of the school’s Board of Visitors.

- **Dante Barry’11** was selected for the Root 100’s 2015 List of Influential Black Leaders for his work as the Executive Director at Million Hoodies Movement for Justice.

- **James Creech’15** was the recipient of the Jane Freed Award for his honors paper in the politics of natural gas.

- **Alexis Gratton’16** presented her senior thesis at the Social Science Undergraduate Research Conference.

- Junior **Janaya Lewinski** received the annual MU Vagina Warriors Award for her commitment to ending violence against women.

- Junior **Jamillah McMillan** was selected to attend the United State of Women Summit at the White House as the president of SAGE.

- **Dylan Maynard MPP’14, ’16** published an article in the *International Social Science Review*. This is Dylan’s second publication since graduating from MU.

- **Sandra Meola, MPP’14, ’16**, Communications and Outreach Associate for NY/NJ Baykeeper, was honored as an Environmental Champion by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at the EPA offices in Manhattan.

- **Sarah Olson’14, ’16** was named the Monmouth University Woman of the year, was nominated for the 2016 All-state Women’s Basketball Coaches Association Good Works Team, a prestigious award that recognizes student-athletes committed to making a difference, and was also co-recipient of the 2016 Tom Crane Service Award which recognizes graduate students in the Monmouth University Masters of Public Policy Program who make community service work a priority.

- **Onnicha Sathpornchaisit’16 MAPP** was co-recipient of the 2016 Tom Crane Service Award.

Masters in Public Policy Alumni News

- **Avery Hodgson, MPP’16**
  Accepted to Officer’s Training School

- **Sandra Meola, MPP ’14,’16**
  Communications & Outreach Associate for NY/NJ Baykeeper

- **Christopher Orlando MPP ’14,’16**
  Director of Social Media & Constituent Relations, NJ Assemblywoman Amy Handlin

- **Benjamin Smith, MPP’16**
  Field Organizer for Hillary Clinton for Presidential Campaign in Florida

- **Morganne Firmstone, MPP, ’12, ’13**
  Public Affairs Manager JerseyCAN

- **Margaret Devico, MPP ’10,’12**
  City Council Secretary at City of Jersey City

- **Katy McChesney, MPP ’10,’12**
  Analyst for the United States Department of Justice

- **Brian Thomas, MPP ’07, ’11**
  Regional Director, Office of the New Jersey Governor
Congratulations to our students who graduated with Department Honors in 2016: Stephanie Deats, Victoria Esler, and Justine Longa.

Congratulations to our students award recipients in 2016.

Political Science Academic Award: Alyssa Maurice
Sociology Academic Award: Alexis Gratton
Political Science Club Leadership Award: Angela Ryan
Sociology Club Leadership Award: Nick Van Daley
Debate Team Leadership Award: Danielle Doud
Model UN Leadership Award: Rezwan Ahmed & Geraldine Gomez
Tom Crane Service Award: Sarah Olson & Onnicha Sathpornchaisit

New Jersey’s first woman Chief Justice and Attorney General, Deborah Poritz, was Monmouth University's 2015-16 Public Servant in Residence. Throughout the year she engaged with the campus community through presentations and class discussions. This was a unique opportunity for our students to meet and learn from a prominent political figure.

Newsletter compiled by Kristen Gillette. For more information about the Department of Political Science & Sociology, please visit http://www.monmouth.edu/school-of-humanities-social-sciences/political-science-and-sociology.aspx